

The Small Print



- Most Programs are Free
- Park Admission is charged

Parks operate on slim budgets; Your fees help support park operations and protect Nevada's park resources.

- Comfort

Seating at picnic tables is provided. For a more comfortable evening, we recommend that you bring a lawn chair. Remember that evenings can be cool and bring a sweater or jacket. Good shoes and a water bottle will also contribute to your enjoyment for walking programs.

Please confirm program dates before attending the event of your choice.

Park contact numbers and entrance fees:

Dayton	775-687-5678—\$3.00
Lahontan	775-867-3500—\$4.00
Mormon Station	775-782-2590—Donation
Spooner Lake	775-831-0494— \$6.00
Washoe Lake	775-687-4319—\$4.00

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Dayton State Park

Gateway Project

Planting and Irrigation Workshops

Learn to Install a Drip Irrigation System

Learn the basics of installing a drip irrigation system. This program is designed for the home gardener and will cover system assembly and watering requirements. Presented by Dayton State Park Staff.

Thursday, April 8, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Build a Windbreak, Create a Garden

Learn about using windbreak shrubs and trees to create a protected outdoor space. With your help, this will serve as the beginning of our demonstration area featuring plants that do well in Nevada.

Presented by Patricia Rowley, Urban Forestry State Specialist, University of Nevada, Reno, Cooperative Extension.

Thursday, April 29, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Gateway to Dayton: Plant a Tree Workshop

You will learn the right way to plant a tree and help make Dayton a greener place at the same time. Your energy is needed to plant trees now for a greener valley in the years to come. Drop by even if you only have an hour to spare, instruction is ongoing during the tree planting process. Presented by Patricia Rowley, Urban Forestry State Specialist, UNR Cooperative Ext.

Thursday, May 13, 4:00-6:30 p.m.

Funding for this program provided by Nevada Division of Forestry's Urban & Community Forestry Program, USDA Forest Service, and the University of Nevada Cooperative Extension



Special Events

Pioneer Day-Mormon Station

Step back in time with old time music, games, and activities. Honor Snowshoe Thompson and the Pony Express in this first annual pioneer history day. Co-sponsored with the Museums of Douglas County and the Snowshoe Thompson Committee. Sunday, June 6, 10 a.m. -1 p.m.

Lahontan State Park

Old Guns & Black Powder Smoke Saturday, July 24,
Lahontan Group Area, 7-9 p.m.

Ham Radio Weekend-Dayton State Park

Carson Valley Amateur Radio operators welcome anyone interested to join them and learn about establishing emergency communications locally and around the world. Saturday, 11 a.m. thru Sunday 11 a.m., June 25-26.

The *Year of the Basket*, and much more at the Museums of Douglas County.

Celebrate the *Year of the Basket* when you visit the Historical Society in Genoa and Gardnerville. Schedules available at the Courthouse Museum and Log Cabin Museum or call 775 782 4325.

RENT A PARK

We mow the lawn and provide shade, water, electricity and a beautiful place for your event. Day use areas are available to rent at Dayton, Washoe Lake, Sand Harbor and Mormon Station in Genoa.

Call individual parks for prices and availability.

Spooner Lake

Meet at upper Spooner Parking lot.

Animal Tracks

Discover who visits the park other than people. Identify animals from their tracks. All ages.
Sunday, June 13, 9-11 a.m.

Spooner Wild Flowers

Sometimes the best flowers are hidden. Enjoy an easy two-mile walk around Spooner and "meet" the flowers. Recommended for flower lovers above the age of ten. Four tours are offered from 10:00-12 noon:
Wednesday, June 23, Saturday, June 26
Wednesday, July 7 & Saturday, July 10

Reflections at Spooner Lake

Do you ever just get tired of the hustle, bustle and noise of life? Take time to enjoy a peaceful and introspective walk at Spooner Lake. The two-mile walk around Spooner is flat.
 Ages 12 and above.

Saturday, July 10, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Full Moon (& sunset) on the Flume *

Have you ever hiked by moonlight? Once a year we drive a small group of people up North Canyon to Marlette Lake and enjoy a 4 1/2 mile downhill walk to Tunnel Creek. Ages 15 years and over. Call for reservations.
Friday, July 30, 6—11 p.m.

Water History of the Comstock*

Join Backcountry Ranger Cheryl Surface on a bus tour of the Spooner backcountry. Learn the significance of Hobart Reservoir, Marlette Lake and the Flume Trail and hear tales of the early water masters. Adults only please.
Friday, Sept 10, 9 am-5 pm. Bring lunch.

*Registration required, call 831-0494

Washoe Lake

Meeting places are indicated in program notes.

Washoe Wild Flowers

Join Park Aid Terrill Ozawa on a leisurely stroll through the park to "meet " the flowers. Nothing scientific; just common names and facts. Some uphill walking is involved. Not recommended for children under 8.
Saturday, May 22 9-11 a.m. Main boat ramp

Old Guns and Black Powder Smoke

Guns are part of the history of the west. Many old guns are works of art and have interesting histories of their own. Join Ranger Jim Black to learn how present day guns evolved.
Saturday, May 29, 7-9 p.m. Equestrian Area

Learn to cook like the cowboys!*

Dutch Oven Cooking
 Have you ever tried traditional Dutch oven cooking? Join Rangers for the experience of preparing and cooking chow like potatoes, chicken, beans and bread. Bring a plate, a few tall tales and recipes to share. Washoe Equestrian Area
Saturday, August 14*, 5-8 p.m.

Wetlands Birding Tour

Walk through the wetlands at Washoe Lake with Park Rangers and Audubon Society members. Learn ways to identify the different birds in the field by sight, sound and habit. Bring your binoculars.
Saturday, July 24, 7-9 a.m. Wetlands Viewing Area.

Stargaze

Fleischmann Planetarium Staff will be on hand with high-powered telescopes to view the night sky.
Saturday, August 7, 8:30 p.m. Equestrian Area

Fall Crafts and a Scarecrow

Kids of ages 4 and over are invited to make holiday decorations and a scarecrow. Materials provided.
Saturday, October 2, 1-3 p.m., Main Group Area.

*Registration Required, call 687-4319

Dayton State Park

All Programs meet at the group use area.

Rock Point Mill Site Tour

After Gold and silver were discovered in the 1850-60's, ore crushing facilities near water were needed. The Rock Point Mill site is one of the only ruins left from the early mining days.
Sunday, April 18, 9-10 a.m.
Saturday, Sept 18, 8:30 –9:30 a.m.

Tree Planting and Irrigation Workshops

Join us to help make Dayton a greener place. See details on the back of this flyer.

Car Camping for Beginners*



Are you ready to take the kids camping, but not sure where to begin? Join Park Rangers for an overnight camping experience and be ready for a sing along at the campfire.

Planning: Saturday, June 12, 9-10:30 a.m.
Campout : Saturday June 19 5 p.m. to Sunday, June 20, 10 a.m.

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Thursday, June 24, 7-9 p.m.

Wet Feet =Cool Kids

It's afternoon, you're hot, the kids are hot and there is no pool in Dayton. We will be watering our lawn once a week in the afternoon to invite sprinkler play.
 Parental supervision required.
Mondays, July 12 to August 16., 3-4 p.m.



Raptors!

Who is predator and who is prey? Learn about hawks, owls, eagles and more. Presented by Nevada Wildlife Infirmary.
Sunday, August 15, 11-12 noon.

*Registration required, call 687-5678.

Mormon Station

All programs meet at the Log Cabin Museum

Urban Animal Tracks

You will be surprised to see who visits the park besides people. Learn to identify the tracks of birds, deer and other less visible park guests.
Sunday, May 2, 9-10 a.m.

Young Chautauqua Presentation

Bring a picnic dinner and enjoy historical re-enactments by young Chautauquans.
Wednesday and Thursday, June 23-24, 5-8 p.m.

Pioneer Day

Step back in time with old time music, games, and events. Honor Snowshoe Thompson and the Pony Express in this first annual pioneer activity day.
Co-sponsored with Carson Valley Historical Society and Genoa Snowshoe Thompson Committee.
Sunday, June 6, 10 a.m.—1 p.m.

Walk Historic Genoa

The Pony Express, Snowshoe Thompson and Nevada's earliest settlers were here. Meander through town and hear some of their stories presented by park historian Donna Long. Bring a question to challenge her!
Sundays, June 27, July 25, Aug. 22, Sept. 19- 1-2 p.m.

Nature's Mysteries Scavenger Hunt

Sometimes we look, but do not see. All ages will enjoy exploring and learning more about the park as they search for the items in this hunt for natural treasures.
Sunday, July 11, 1-2 p.m.

Raptors!

Who is predator and who is prey? Learn about hawks, owls, eagles and more. Presented by Nevada Wildlife Infirmary.
Sunday, August 1, 1-2 p.m.

Water Play and Games-Ages 8 and over

Get wet on a hot summer day. Organized games and water play.
Sunday, August 8, 1-2 p.m.